December 2010 301-773-8360



#### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

by Mayor Mike Callahan

Call 301-773-0248 to contact the Mayor. The Mayor's door at the Community Center is open to visitors on **Monday** evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 PM, except holidays or if otherwise posted.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all the residents of Cheverly a lovely holiday season. May you enjoy many happy days with your family and friends in the month ahead.

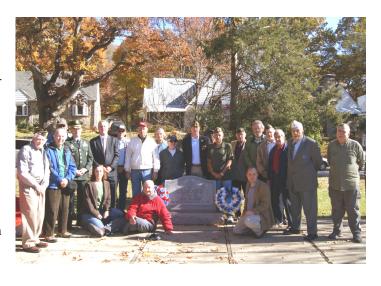
Cheverly decorates for Halloween: Close to 300 ghosts and goblins enjoyed the yard decorations as they marched in the Halloween Parade. While Cheverly has no official Halloween decorating contests (maybe next year), I wanted to give special mention to those families that make Cheverly such a wonderful place for children. The DeLeonibus Family on Cheverly Avenue haunted their home and yard and had a long line of visitors all evening. The Kneipps on 63<sup>rd</sup> Ave once again turned their yard into an exceptionally spooky cemetery. The Flaskeruds on Hillside Ave had a wonderful child friendly display complete with movies. The Vaile Family on Parkway bravely hosted a monster in their home whose eyes peered out through their upstairs windows.

It's beginning to look a lot like... Halloween was just a warm-up as the December holidays approach. Stop by the Annual Tree Lighting at 7p.m. in Legion Park on Friday December 3rd and join the procession to Town Hall afterwards for caroling, cookies, and punch. On Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, the Recreation Council will hold its annual Holiday party and has once again talked Santa into attending for photo sessions. During these events, the Woman's Club in combination with the Cheverly Girl Scouts will open a Holiday Shop (9:30 a.m.-2 .m.) for children to purchase gifts for their families.

The Town Council will conduct the annual Holiday Lighting contest. Remember to have your lights on from 7:00pm to 9:00pm on Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. Look for details on all of these events throughout the Newsletter.

#### VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION AT LEGION PARK





#### **Building Use Policy & Political Organizations:**

The Town Council continues to review building use policy. The most significant change under consideration would allow political organizations access to the building. These organizations are now excluded. Some concerns voiced include the possibility that political organizations may bring activities into the Town Hall that some residents may not agree with. Once the council allows any single political organization, the town must allow all political organizations. Of course any political organization that requested building access would have to meet the 50% Cheverly resident criteria required of all organizations.

Another concern is that including any new organizations may put further stress on the building space. In response to this concern the council will also relook at the prioritization of organizations, by category.

The building use policy is still in the process of being drafted so if you have any comments, please contact your Councilmember. The most recent draft can be found on the website under Elected Officials, Policy and Procedures.

**Annual Financial Audits:** Each year Cheverly undergoes a detailed financial audit. The auditor reviews receipts, invoices and contracts insuring that all of your money is indeed spent as allocated in the town budget. At the November 23<sup>rd</sup> Work Session the Town Council will have met with the auditor to review the final report. The great news is the town finished fiscal year 2010 with a fund balance of 1.691M vs. a budgeted 1.276M. Look for more budget information in the January Newsletter.

**Speed Camera Update:** Many residents ask, "How is the speed camera working out?" At the October work session the Town Administrator provided the Council with a preliminary view of the results. The consensus opinion of the Police Chief, Town Administrator and Council is that speeding has been reduced on Cheverly Avenue and throughout the town. The camera has generated an average of less than 250 tickets a month, which is less than 1% of traffic. This number might be subdued because of the large amount of construction on Cheverly Ave since June. Financially the existing program will break even, with the revenue offsetting the cost of operations. The Town Administrator still continues to work with state officials to determine how to place a speed camera on Route 202 where school zones extend for Spellman Elementary and Bladensburg High School and 85% of all vehicles have been measured as exceeding the posted speed limit by 12 miles per hour.

Commercial Vehicle Covers: Do you own a vehicle with commercial lettering or exposed equipment? Cheverly's town regulations require these vehicles to be covered overnight. Council members frequently hear from residents about violations of these regulations and have been considering how to tighten them up. In February of next year we will be implementing new regulations regarding the methods for covering commercial lettering and equipment. Following that review, the town will begin more stringent enforcement (ticketing) to enforce these regulations. So please be aware if you are parking one of these vehicles on Cheverly streets it must be properly covered at night in compliance with the new regulations.

Police Department upgrades computers benefitting Cheverly students: Our Police Department recently received a grant to upgrade all of their computer equipment. As a result, our Police Department is much more efficient. However, a secondary result is that students at Gladys Noon Spellman have received the used equipment as a donation from the town. Thanks to the Chief for making this happen.

**Recycle those election signs:** First, let me extend the town's congratulations to all of the Cheverly residents who participated in this year's election. By my unofficial count Cheverly fielded eight candidates in the primary and general elections. Four of those candidates won their elections; County Executive Rushern Baker, 47<sup>th</sup> District Senator Victor Ramirez, 47<sup>th</sup> District Delegate Jolene Ivey and 47<sup>th</sup> District Delegate Michael Summers.

Many residents have asked "When will the signs come down?" Cheverly currently removes all signs from public rights of way and signs that are within 11 feet of the curb. However, Cheverly has no authority to ask residents to remove political signs from their yards, because of First Amendment rights. Therefore, it is a matter of choice how long a sign remains in a resident's yard. Remember most signs can be recycled.

Cheese Park adult workout group: Please feel free to join Cheverly residents every Monday/Wednesday/ Friday at 6:00am as they exercise in Gast (Cheese) Park. These intrepid residents have been working out for the last three months and welcome all to come join them. This group has also requested that the town install exercise equipment in the Park. There will be a Public Hearing during the December 9th Town Meeting to allow citizen input regarding this idea.

**Tree Lighting** – Giving to Those in Need – Community Celebration!

**Performers** – Coloring Contest Winners – Refreshments and More!

Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> – beginning at 7pm at Legion Park – Continuing at the Community Center and ending when we all go home! Come and join Cheverly children in caroling and celebrate the lighting of the holiday displays – but please don't stop there!

Let's push on to the Community Center and bring nonperishable foods to give to those facing hunger in our community. Our Girl Scout Junior Troop 437 will gather our donations and share them with the St. Ambrose and CUMC food pantries. The night's entertainment will continue at the Community Center. Violins, Violas and Voices will offer their talents! Several groups of youth within our town will share instrumental, choral and poetry selections. Please give them an audience and admire the talents of the youth of our town. Of course, our festivities would not be complete without refreshments and prizes for the winners of this year's coloring contest! So, come sing, share, and celebrate a season of giving and community in Cheverly. If you know of youth interested in performing the evening of the 3<sup>rd</sup>, please have them contact Laila Riazi @ 202.258.6167 or @ councilmemberward1@cheverly-md.gov. Laila will be happy to add their talents to the evening as long as the schedule permits.

Don't Forget! Don't Miss Out! Turn in your coloring contest entries to Town Hall by December 1st. Submitted by CM Laila Riazi



#### HOLIDAY GIFTS FOR EMPLOYEES

In the past, some residents have expressed their appreciation to the

Public Works employees for their service by giving them various gifts during the holidays (sometimes alcohol). Town policy prohibits employees from accepting and transporting alcoholic beverages. Residents are asked to send any holiday gifts for employees to the Town Office to be divided equally among the workers. Thank you and Happy Holidays.



## THE CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY

is Saturday, Dec. 4, 11AM at the Community Center. "Santa" will be there to talk to all the girls & boys. Plus

you can have your picture taken with "Santa" and there will be crafts & refreshments.

### SANTA'S SECRET SHOP

The Cheverly Woman's Club will sponsor our annual Santa's Secret shop on **Saturday**, **December 4 from 9AM to 2 PM**. Santa's Secret Shop gives children the opportunity to shop for presents for family members and friends with the help of teen volunteers. The gifts are bagged and labeled so family members don't see them until the holidays! **Average price: \$2-\$5**. Please join us for a fun day with the REC Council's Holiday Party, great entertainment, spectacular shopping and delicious food!

#### **ACTION TAKEN**

Votes were unanimous unless otherwise noted

#### Worksession - October 28, 2010

☐ Motion CM Riazi to convert a Police Officer position to that of a Sergeant. Seconded CM Schachter. Approved 5-0.

#### **Town Meeting - November 11, 2010**

☐ Motion CM Riazi to excuse CM Schachter. Seconded CM Eldridge. Approved. 4-0

#### TENTATIVE AGENDAS

Town Meeting - December 9, 2010

- ☐ Second reading O1-11 Amending parking section
- ☐ Public hearing amending Gast Park Master Plan

#### Worksession - NO WORKSESSION

Town Meeting broadcast LIVE on Cable 71 & Fios 35 Re-broadcast everyday at Noon, 6:00 PM & 10: 00 PM

#### **CHEVERLY RECREATION COUNCIL**

There is no meeting in December, the next meeting is January 25, 2011. The Recreation council wishes everyone very Happy Holidays.



## *Message from the Chief* Buddy Robshaw policechief@cheverly-md.gov

#### STRING OF ASSAULTS AND VANDALISMS

Over the last two successive weekends, there

have been a string of seemingly related assaults and vandalisms involving B.B guns or similar weapons. At least three Cheverly residents were struck by B.B-type projectiles, and at least fifteen vehicle windows were shot out by similar means. The majority of these crimes occurred along Cheverly Avenue, with some on State Street. The suspect vehicle in these cases is described as a black compact vehicle, possibly 4D, occupied by numerous suspects. In addition to the Town, there have been over 200 similar assaults and vandalisms during the same time period in Hyattsville, New Carrollton, Berwyn Heights, Bowie, Seat Pleasant, and Palmer Park. The lookout in several of these cases is possibly a Honda. PG Crime Solvers is currently offering a reward for information leading to the arrest of these currently unknown offenders.

GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR: Becoming personally acquainted with one's neighbors is a time honored tradition in small Towns and other communities where neighborhood cohesion and teamwork help to improve the quality of life of all residents. Cheverly is certainly one of those Towns that has benefitted from this type of socialization as clearly evidenced by the type and number of activities that frequently bring residents together. In addition to socialization, this teamwork also has a decided effect on local crime as neighbors look after each other and their properties and quickly report suspicious persons and circumstances. The Cheverly Watch resident radio program was established to take advantage of this foundation. In recent weeks, however, the CPD has responded to a number of calls for burglar alarms or reports of breaking and enterings (B&Es) that required the utilization of a large number of police resources and time. In each of these cases, the police established a perimeter around the house in question while awaiting the arrival of a County K-9 unit. While waiting, officers checked with neighbors who were home as to whether the resident(s) of the house in question should be home, at work, if there was a telephone number available, or what the resident actually looked like in an attempt to eliminate potential suspects who had been recently seen near the residence. In each of these cases, neighbors did not know the resident and could only provide a very general physical description, even though some of these neighbors had lived next door to each other for up to a year. If you have not introduced yourself to your neighbors, please take the opportunity to do so this weekend. Exchange telephone numbers, if appropriate, and get to know each other's general habits. The CPD would clearly benefit and so would each of you. In addition, if you are a resident who is going to be away from your residence for more than one day, please take advantage of the CPD's

free House Check Program. In your absence, the police will keep a check on your residence and report to you any suspicious persons or circumstances. Thank you!

## Crime Report for October 2010 (All Addresses Are in Hundred Blocks)

Total Arrests for the Month: 75
Total Traffic for the Month: 646

Total Crime: -4%

10-04-10	0943 hrs	2600 Crest Ave	Assault (Arrest)
10-04-10	1410 hrs	6400 Landover Rd	Theft
10-05-10	1524 hrs	5800 Annapolis Rd	Robbery/Citizen
10-07-10	1055 hrs	6000 Landover Rd	Theft
10-07-10	1216 hrs	4200 57 <sup>th</sup> Ave	Robbery (Arrest)
10-08-10	0100 hrs	1800 62 <sup>nd</sup> Ave	Stolen Vehicle
10-09-10	0910 hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Theft
10-11-10	1313 hrs	2300 Parkway	B&E/Residential
10-15-10	0808 hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Theft
10-15-10	0829 hrs	6400 Landover Rd	Theft
10-15-10	1200 hrs	6200 State Street	Vandalism
10-15-10	1536 hrs	2500 Schuster Dr	Theft
10-15-10	2235 hrs	6000 Arbor St	Theft
10-18-10	2015 hrs	6300 Landover Rd	Vandalism
10-19-10	1833 hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Theft
10-20-10	0753 hrs	5800 Landover Rd	Theft
10-20-10	1440 hrs	2700 Crest Ave	<b>B&amp;E</b> Residential
10-20-10	1941 hrs	6300 Landover Rd	Assault (Arrest)
10-21-10	1319 hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Stolen Vehicle
10-21-10	0009 hrs	6000 Landover Rd	Robbery Citizen
10-22-10	2239 hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Vandalism
10-23-10	1334 hrs	6500 Landover Rd	Theft
10-25-10	0900 hrs	6300 Landover Rd	Theft
10-26-10	0555 hrs	5700 Landover Rd	Robbery Citizen

#### CHEVERLY'S RESTRICTED PARKING ZONES

REMINDER: The 2011 stickers will be available in January at the **Police Department.** Bring the current REGISTRATION for any cars you are getting stickers for. Your car must be registered at your Cheverly address. **Cost. \$2.00.** Tickets will begin being issued January 10th, 2011



TRASH PICKUP ADJUSTMENTS
DUE TO WINTER STORMS:

When weather makes it unsafe to operate the trash trucks on the street, collection may be temporarily suspended.

Back or side door pickups WILL NOT be made when heavy snow conditions prevail.

Please bring your trash to the curb.

Need help with YARD WORK? To assist our elderly, and other residents who need help with yard work, Cheverly maintains this list of teenagers who are interested in being hired for mowing lawns, raking leaves, shoveling snow, etc.

301-773-0635	Nickolas Lal
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301-864-0735	Malik or Tyriq McAdoo
571-295-1378	Darin Daffin
248-478-4622	Xavier Pinkney
301-322-4952	Max or Jake Allegro
301-341-2471	James Porcari
301-537-6819	John Pooley
240-770-8166	Byron Bamigbade
301-583-1028	Xavier Milam
301-386-0049	Andrew Teel
301-322-1075	Dorian Dixon
301-772-6596	Ben Hartmann
301-772-6028	Andrew or Ashley Priest
301-773-6863	Emmanuel Mitchell
301-772-6553	James Kernan
301-341-5284	Ian Sullivan
301-772-0110	Jack Alkire
301-356-2198	Charles Hutchison



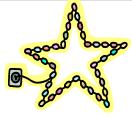
Cheverly teenagers can call the town office at 773-8360 if they wish to add their names to this list.

#### BULK TRASH PICKUP WEST SIDE.

Since Christmas and News Years Day Holidays both fall on Friday, the Public Works Department will be picking up bulk trash from the EAST & WEST SIDE ON December 30.

#### HOLIDAY HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST

The holiday spirit in Cheverly is something to boast about. We are very fortunate to have many



families who decorate their homes, giving the town a colorful flow of lights and holiday cheer. Every year the Mayor and council sponsor a decorating contest to recognize the efforts of our residents.

The judging will be Dec. 20th from 7-9 PM

#### YOUR HOUSE NUMBER MUST BE VISIBLE FROM THE CURB.

The judges pick the TOP 20 **BEST IN TOWN** 

All winners will be announced at the January Town

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

#### December 24th and December 31st



TOWN OFFICES CLOSED NO TRASH PICKUP



HOLIDAY DECORATING ACTIVITY— We invite Cheverly children thru 4th grade to help decorate the Community Center Lobby for the Holidays. Color and decorate this picture or you can make your own, and mail or drop it off at the Town Office by December 1.

Participants will be acknowledged at the Town Tree Lighting Ceremony on Fri, Dec. 3, 2010



#### **LEAF COLLECTION PROCEDURES**

#### Vacuum Leaves:



- Rake leaves between the curb and sidewalk not on the street or sidewalk
- Please do not rake your leave too early. 2 days prior to your collection day is permitted. Be considerate of your neighbors who have bagged their leaves. Remember the wind plays havoc with loose leaves.
- Keep leaves free of twigs, branches, metal, concrete and other debris that can jam or damage the equipment.
- Please do not park cars on the street on the assigned collection day.

**Bag Leaves**: Yard waste is collected on <u>MONDAYS</u>. Put bags at the curb on Sunday evening. Use <u>CLEAR PLASTIC BAGS</u> only (sold at Town Hall or Public Works - \$5 for 50 bags). Yard waste includes leaves, grass, brush, twigs, etc. Do not put any dirt, rocks, or other trash/debris in these bags.

Bamboo is collected on Thursday or Friday w/bulk trash. Tied and bundled in 4' lengths.

STREET	ADDRESS	First Pickup Date
Entire Town		Oct. 12-22
Arbor Street	6100 – 6199	Oct. 29
Belleview Avenue	2300-2398 (even)	Dec. 10
Belleview Avenue	2301-2399 (odd)	Dec. 14
Belleview Avenue	2700-2799	Oct. 29
Belleview Avenue	2800-2899	Nov. 19
Belleview Avenue	3000-3599	Nov. 19
Benton Road	5900-5999	Dec. 10
Carlyle Street	5700-5899	Dec. 7
Cedar Street	6500-6514	Nov. 12
Cheverly Avenue	2200-2799	Oct. 29
Cheverly Avenue	2800-3598 (even)	Nov. 19
Cheverly Avenue	2801-3599 (odd)	Dec. 16
Cheverly Circle	#1-#27	Oct. 29
Cheverly Circle	6100-6199	Oct. 29
Cheverly Hills Ct.	3200-3220	Nov. 9
Cheverly Oaks Ct.	2900-2923	Nov. 12
Cheverly Park Dr	6200-6299	Nov. 2
Columbia Park Rd	(in Town)	Nov. 18
Crest Avenue	2500-2899	Dec. 7
Crest Avenue	3000-3299	Nov. 19
Crestlawn Avenue	2300-2399	Nov. 2

STREET	ADDRESS	First Pickup Date
Dewey Street	5800-5899	Dec. 7
Euclid Street	5700-5799	Dec. 9
Euclid Street	5901-6099	Dec. 10
Forest Road	5700-5799	Dec. 9
Forest Road	5900-6098 even	Nov. 30
Forest Road	5901-6299 odd	Nov. 4
Forest Road	6100-6298 even	Dec. 16
Forest Road	6405-6499	Nov. 18
Greenleaf Rd	5600-5699	Dec. 9
Greenleaf Rd	5701-5899 (odd)	Dec. 9
Greenleaf Rd	5700-5898 (even)	Nov. 30
Greenleaf Ct.		Nov. 30
Hawthorne St	5600-5699	Dec. 9
Hawthorne St	6000-6099	Nov. 30
Hillside Ave	2800-3199	Nov. 12
Hillside Ave	3200-3299	Nov. 16
Inwood Street	5600-5699	Dec. 2
Inwood Street	6000-6099	Nov. 30
Inwood Street	6100-6299	Dec. 17
Inwood Street	6300-6499	Nov. 9
Jason Street	5600-5799	Dec. 2
Jason Street	6300-6399	Nov. 9

STREET	ADDRESS	First Pickup Date
Joslyn Place	6300-6399	Nov. 9
Jutewood Avenue	1607	Nov. 5
Kilmer Street	6000-6099	Dec. 2
Kilmer Street	6100-6299	Dec. 17
Lake Avenue	2300-2599	Dec. 10
Lake Avenue	2700-2799	Nov. 4
Lake Avenue	3000-3199	Dec. 2
Landover Road	5611-6099 (odd)	Dec. 3
Landover Road	6101-6299 (odd)	Dec. 17
Landover Road	6305-6511 (odd)	Nov. 9
Landover Road	6513-6531 (odd)	Nov. 9
Laurel Avenue	2800-3499	Dec. 17
Lockwood Road	5600-5999	Dec. 2
Lombard Avenue	6100-6299	Oct. 26
Maureen Court	6500-6599	Nov. 16
Medical Terrace	5900-5999	Nov. 19
Monroe Street	5625-5627 (odd)	Dec. 3
Monroe Street	5700-5799	Dec. 3
Monroe Street	6200-6299	Dec. 17
Montrose Road	6100-6199	Oct. 26
Newton Street	5518-5614 (even)	Dec. 3
Newton Street	5700-5899	Dec. 3
Oak Forest Road	6500-6509	Nov. 12
Oak Street	6500-6599	Nov. 16
Oak Street	6600-6604 (even)	Nov. 16
Oak Street	6601-6609 (odd)	Nov. 16
Oakton Way	6400-6403	Nov. 12
Parkway	2800-3199	Oct. 26
Parkway	2200-2399	Nov. 2
Parkway	2401-2699 (odd)	Nov. 2
Parkway	2400-2698 (even)	Nov. 4
Parkway Place	2700-2799	Nov. 4
Quincy Street	5543-5545 (odd)	Dec. 3

STREET	ADDRESS	First Pickup Date	
Reed Street	6000-6098 (even)	Nov. 5	
State Street	6000-6299	Nov. 5	
Tremont Avenue	2900-3399	Dec. 7	
Valleyway	2400-2800	Dec. 4	
Wayne Court	6200-6299	Nov. 2	
Wayne Place	2500-2599	Nov. 2	
Woodway Place	2800-2909	Nov. 12	
56 <sup>th</sup> Place	2900-2999	Dec. 9	
57th Avenue	2500-2699	Dec. 7	
57 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	3501-3507 (odd)	Dec. 3	
58 <sup>th</sup> Place	3600-3699	Dec. 3	
59 <sup>th</sup> Place	2400-2499	Dec. 4	
59 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	2410-2421	Dec. 4	
61 <sup>st</sup> Avenue	1700-1899	Nov. 5	
62 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue	1700-1899	Nov. 5	
62 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Alley	Nov. 18	
63 <sup>rd</sup> Place	2800-2899	Oct. 28	
63 <sup>rd</sup> Place	3100-3199	Nov. 9	
63 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue	2800-3099	Oct. 28	
63 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue	3100-3199	Nov. 18	
64 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	1800-1899	Nov. 5	
64 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	2800-2898	Oct. 28	
64 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	2900-2999	Nov. 12	
64 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	3315,3321,3323	Nov. 16	



## Community Bulletin Board

Cheverly Bay Day a Success Thanks to Community Participation! Thanks to tremendous community participation more than 2,000 water conservation information door hangers were distributed to homes across Cheverly, and nearly 300 "Don't Pollute" decals were installed on storm drains in town as part of the November 6<sup>th</sup> community day of education and action to conserve our watershed: *Cheverly – Our Bay Starts Here!* 

More than 100 volunteers participated in the event organized by the Cheverly Green Plan in collaboration with the Cheverly Conservation Alliance, which includes the Cheverly Garden Club, Friends of Lower Beaver Dam Creek and Progressive Cheverly Environmental Committee.

The Cheverly Cub Scout and Boy Scout Troops took the lead in distributing water conservation informational materials and magnets to homes all over town. Fifeteen groups of volunteers installed the decals, which are now visible on curbs and sidewalks across Cheverly. The participating action teams included: Cheverly Daisy Scouts, Girl Scout Troop 437 and other Girl Scout groups; Cheverly Boy Scout Troop; members from the Cheverly Conservation Alliance groups and the Cheverly United Methodist Church; students and teachers at St. Ambrose School and the Spellman Elementary School in collaboration with the Anacostia Watershed Society; Teen Team Awesome of the Eleanor Roosevelt High School, the Cheverly Town Council team; and local citizens who formed the Valleyway Neighborhood Team and the Caldwell Family Team. Fifteen organizations also sponsored information displays and educational activities as part of the Bay Day education expo at the Community Center. They included: Anacostia RiverKeeper/Alliance, Anacostia Watershed Society, Chesapeake Natives, Cheverly Community Gardens, Cheverly Girl Scouts Troop 437, Cheverly Green Plan, Cheverly Parent Resource Center, Cheverly Tree Commission, Friends of Lower Beaver Dam Creek, Cheverly History Club, Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary, Progressive Cheverly Environmental Committee, Town of Cheverly and Cheverly Town Council, and the Cheverly Women's Club. Mayor Callahan acknowledged the valuable contributions of all the participating groups and individuals during noontime remarks at the education expo at the Community Center. He also thanked the event sponsors and contributors. Cheverly - Our Bay Starts Here and accompanying community conservation efforts organized by the Green Plan Committee have been generously supported with a Community Education and Awareness Grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust. In addition, raffle prizes for the action teams were donated by the Bladensburg Waterfront Park (gift certificates for a day of canoeing on the Anacostia River) and REI (backpacks, water bottles and discount coupons).

It is always more efficient and effective to stop pollution where it starts and to keep storm water from flowing into our waterways. Thanks to all of the volunteers and organizations that participated in *Cheverly – Our Bay Starts Here*, our town is now part of a national effort to raise awareness about the connection between storm drains and the health of local waterways waters. The event coordinators from the Green Plan Education and Outreach Working Group – Nicole Barone Callahan, Cynthia Robinson, Sheila Salo and Teresa Williams - extend their thanks to Mayor Callahan, the Cheverly Town Council, Town Administrator David Warrington and other participating town staff, our sponsors and all of the participating organizations and individuals for making the November 6<sup>th</sup> event a success. Enjoy photos of the event at the Cheverly Green Plan website at: http://sites.google.com/site/cheverlygreenplan/.





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Cheverly United Methodist Church is joining with St. Ambrose Catholic Church and Landover Christian Church for an Ecumenical Christmas Carol Service at St. Ambrose on Thursday, Dec. 16, at 7:00 pm CUMC's Family Christmas Service & Party will be at 11:00am on Sunday, December 19, CUMC's Christmas Candle Light Services are Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 & 11:00pm. CUMC WINDOWS PROJECT — Wow, the dedication and generosity of our congregation and community is such a blessing! Donations are still coming in for the window / energy improvement project. KEEP THEM COMING. The Finance Committee, Trustees and I are making plans for the next round of installations. Look for them in 2011!!

Cheverly Soccer Club. It has been a busy year for the Club thus far. Ray Sexton succeeded Jim Allegro as Club President. Our heartfelt thanks to Jim for years of selfless service. Over 60 players attended our Challenger Soccer Camp this summer. Our Fall Tot Soccer program for 4 and 5 year olds had a great turnout and Coach Dan Shenk-Evans's U-12 travel team hosted the first home games held in Cheverly in years. The upcoming Winter season will be busy as well. The CSC will field four indoor teams. Two will play at the Rockville SoccerPlex and two will play at the new Greenbelt SportsPlex facility. Indoor Tot Soccer will start up after the holidays and will be held at the Community Building. Check this space for news and updates or go to the CSC website (http//cheverlysoccerclub.com).

It's Holiday Market time...the most wonderful time of the year. Sat, Dec 11, Cheverly Community Market will be inside the Community Center, from 9 to 1 in the afternoon. We will have locally produced fresh-baked goods, hot coffee, two Maryland wineries, seafood, utilitarian pottery, ornaments, live and recorded music, cheeses, jams, art glass, soaps, lotions, knit and crocheted gift items, Virginia Diner peanuts and wreaths. Our regular farmers will be bringing you wonderful fresh local produce as well. Come shop with your neighbors and enjoy the season. You can also pick up your fresh-cut Christmas fir and pine trees if you preorder them from Don Tyler (don.tyler@fightingmonkey.com). For more information or questions, see the website, at www.cheverlycommunitymarket.com or contact cheverlycommunitymarket@gmail.com. Thanks to all our 2010 customers, friends and volunteers.

#### Friends of Lower Beaverdam Creek

(FLBC) will not be holding a work session in December, but please mark your calendars to come out on Sat, January 29 between 9 am and noon to help restore Magruder Spring as a town attraction. This is a project the Town of Cheverly has asked FLBC to do. We will meet at the historical marker (brick pillar) on Cheverly Avenue nearly across from the 7-11 Store. But don't worry--If you forget and go to the tot lot at Cheverly Park Drive and Wayne Place, someone will be there to re-direct you. We will be cleaning the rill leading from the spring and removing invasive plants near it. Tools, gloves, snacks and drinks will be provided. Dress for muddy conditions. As always, community service credits are available. For more information, contact Joani Horchler at horcpool97@aol.com or at 301-322-2620.

Progressive Cheverly. Dec. 2 -- Members and friends are invited to bring a dish and come to Progressive Cheverly's annual potluck gathering, this year at the home of John and Sally Sullivan, 3022 Crest Ave., 7-9 pm. Relax, eat, make new friends. Local elected representatives have been invited for brief previews of 2011 priorities. RSVPs are not required, but your hosts would appreciate it, to chair@progressivecheverly.org. Save the Dates. Progressive Cheverly will set 2011 priorities at the first membership meeting of the new year Jan. 6, 7 pm, Cheverly Montessori School, 2300 Belleview Ave. In February, monthly forums on priority issues resume – the topic for Feb. 3, tentatively, relates to local environmental concerns. For more information about Progressive Cheverly or its committees, check the website at progressivecheverly.org, follow us on Facebook, or send an email to chair@progressivecheverly.org.

The Cheverly Garden Club wishes everyone a very happy and safe holiday season!! There will be no regular club meeting in December. But, we invite you to make a New Year's resolution to be more involved with your community in 2011, and join us in new horticultural pursuits and volunteer activities. Look for the program announcement for our January 17, 2011 meeting in the next newsletter. For more information about the Cheverly Garden Club, please contact Michael Giese, club president, at 301-773-7318 or mg9588a@msn.com

## Community Bulletin Board

**Cheverly Green Plan** Monthly Meeting and writing session for the text of the green plan. Monday, Dec 6, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. Cheverly Community Center. For more information visit the Green Plan website at <a href="http://sites.google.com/site/cheverlygreenplan/">http://sites.google.com/site/cheverlygreenplan/</a>.

CUB SCOUT PACK 257: The scouting year is underway! Cub Scouts are for boys grades 1-5. We do lots of fun activities, learn outdoor skills and have many fun adventures. Boys participate in their grade level dens and meet every Friday here in Cheverly at either Hoyer ECC or Cheverly United Methodist Church. Pack meetings with all the dens and families are held the First THURSDAY of each month from 7-8 pm at American Legion Hall in Cheverly. We're proud to have our American Legion Post 108 as our Pack sponsor. Contact Pack Leader Daphne Felten-Green at 240-463-9532 or dfeltengreen@gmail.com for more information. We hope to welcome you into Pack 257! CM Micah Watson, Pack Committee Chair.

**CPRC** would love for you and your children to join us for a special holiday celebration on December 12 from 4-6 p.m. Bring a dinner dish to share and enjoy music, singing and time with neighbors. If you play an instrument, please bring it along! RVSP to Emily at <a href="mailto:emilytevault@verizon.net">emilytevault@verizon.net</a> if we can expect you!

The CPRC welcomes all Cheverly families with young children to join us for weekday playgroups every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Gast "Cheese" Park in nice weather or at the Community Center in cold or inclement weather. The group is very free-form. Come when you want, as little or as often as you want, for however long you want. We'd love to have you!

As we move into 2011 look for more CPRC activities like CPR classes, private open gym at the PG Sports and Learning Complex and a special family dance on Feb 5th!

Visit our website <a href="www.cheverlyparent.org">www.cheverlyparent.org</a> to become a member, join our listserves, and find out the latest on upcoming events. Interested in getting involved? Let us know! <a href="mailto:cprc@cheverlyparent.org">cprc@cheverlyparent.org</a>.

## "Peace Means Taking Care of Ourselves, Each Other and the Earth." (Paulette Meier)

- 1. The Woman's Club participated in "Our Bay Starts Here" on Nov. 6 and want to thank all the people who worked on this event. Cheverly children of all ages colored, drew pictures, and wrote stories about clean water and peace. We now have all their work in a binder that you can borrow. Contact <a href="mailto:joycelang@verizon.net">joycelang@verizon.net</a>.
- 2. On Oct. 23 the Woman's Club supported our neighbors in Landover Knolls who had a Unified Walk for Peace. The activity was organized by Paula Davis and was a step towards solidifying local community coalitions in the effort for peace in Prince George's County.
- 3. Please support the Woman's Club sponsored "Holiday Secret Shop" at the Community Center on Sat., Dec. 4 from 9 a.m 2 p.m. We have been sponsoring this event for at least 30 years. This year we give a special thank you to older Girl Scout troops and their leaders for stepping in at the last minute to do the work. Children of all ages (including preschoolers) can buy inexpensive gifts for family members. The Girl Scouts will help and gifts will be wrapped so they remain a secret until the holidays. We ask you to place special focus on peace during this holiday season and continue throughout the year.

If you, your club or organization is involved in any actions that are working towards peace relating to the definition above, please send us the information for future newsletters.

The Cheverly Young Actors' Guild will perform "Honk! The Musical Tale of the Ugly Duckling" on May 12-15, 2011 at the Publick Playhouse. Auditions for the main show (for kids ages 8-18) will likely be Saturday, January and Sunday January 9, but the exact dates had not yet been determined by the time this newsletter went to press on Nov. 15. Please check CYAG's website (<a href="www.CheverlyYoungActors.org">www.CheverlyYoungActors.org</a>) or email Joani Horchler at <a href="horcpool97@aol.com">horcpool97@aol.com</a> this month for exact audition dates and times and for further details. It has been decided that rehearsals for the main show will be on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and on Saturday afternoons. On Saturday mornings, there will be a pre-show class for children ages 5 to 7, with no audition required.

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Email "Contact The Town" button at the Website

The Town of Cheverly does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability or sexual orientation. If you are a person with a disability (vision, hearing, or speech impairment) and wish to participate in Town activities or programs, please contact the Town Office at 773-8360 (voice), or the Maryland Relay System at 1-800-735-2258.

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## Meetings & Events

Fri.	Dec 3	7:00 PM	Tree Lighting
Sat.	Dec 4	11:00 AM	Holiday Xmas party
Thur	Dec 9	8:00 PM	TOWN MEETING
Fri	Dec 24	Christma	as Holiday (bldg closed)
Fri	Dec. 31	New Yea	rs Holiday (bldg closed)
Thur	Jan 13	8:00 PM	TOWN MEETING

#### CHEVERLY WEBSITE

<u>www.cheverly-md.gov</u> - You can contact the Mayor & Council through their town email accounts. There are also links at the Mayor & council page of the website.

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#### TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

MON Town Wide YARD WASTE

MON East side Regular Garbage Pickup only

TUE West side Regular Garbage Pickup only

WED Town wide RECYCLING (blue or yellow bins)

WED Town wide ELECTRONIC RECYCLING

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Residents should leave trash at the curb 7:00 PM the day before pickup. Trash must be placed in cans with tight fitting lids to ward off rodents.

**BAMBOO** is picked up on Thurs or Fri w/special trash (cut into 4' lengths, tied and bundled)

<u>HOLIDAYS?</u> Public Works crews DO NOT work on Holidays. Collections on holidays are **CANCELLED**.

**ELECTRONICS** are picked up on **WEDNESDAY** with recycling. (TV's any size, computers (remove hard drive), monitors, keyboards, etc)

**APPLIANCES -** Washers, Dryers, Stoves, Dishwashers, Refrigerators/Freezers (remove doors), microwaves (any size) and air conditioners. \$20 fee for removal, contact office for schedule, 301-773-2666